United States Court of Appeals

District of Columbia Circuit Washington, D.C. 20001-2866

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CIRCUIT RULE CHANGES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Court, pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 47, proposes the following amendment to Rule II(e)(2) of the Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

Comments on the proposed rule revision may be submitted to the Court's Advisory Committee on Procedures within 60 days from the date of the publication of this Notice in *The Daily Washington Law Reporter*. Written comments may be sent to <u>John.Fisher2@usdoj.gov</u>, or by mail to:

Advisory Committee on Procedures c/o Clerk of Court United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit 333 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5409 Washington, D.C. 20001

The Committee will consider any comments received from interested persons and organizations. It will then formulate recommendations to the Court. When the Committee transmits its recommendations to the Court for consideration, it will likewise send to the Court copies of all comments which it has received.

Copies of this Notice have been published this day by the means specified in D.C. Circuit Rule 47(c).

Date: October 1, 2002 /s/ Mark J. Langer Mark J. Langer, Clerk

NOTE: New material double underlined.

Proposed Disciplinary Enforcement Rule II

Committee On Admissions and Grievances

[Sections (a), (b), (c), (d), (f), and (g) are unchanged and omitted.]

(e) Hearings by the Committee.

- (1) The Committee may sit as a fact-finding body and upon reasonable notice to the respondent may hold hearings on the Grievance.
- (2) The respondent shall be entitled to be represented by counsel. The respondent may submit to the Committee all relevant information he or she deems appropriate and may request that the Committee consider the testimony of witnesses. The Committee may require that witnesses, including the respondent, testify under oath.
- (3) The persons who may be present at the hearing are the members of the Committee, the respondent, the respondent's counsel, if any, and a witness providing testimony.
 - (4) At the respondent's request and expense, the hearing will be recorded.
- (5) The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Court. A copy of its findings and recommendations shall be forwarded simultaneously to the respondent.